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1. WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
INFORMALLY (REFTEL) THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS DIS-
INCLINED TO RECEIVE SIR HARRY GREENFIELD AS THE EMISSARY
OF THE RESPONSIBLE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION TO DISCUSS
CONTROLS. AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT THE TURKS
WOULD PREFER A LOWER LEVEL, TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE.

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2. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE INFLUENCE AND

EFFORTS OF AN EXPERIENCED, RESPECTED AND PRESTIGIOUS INDIVIDUAL LIKE GREENFIELD ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR GOAL OF EFFECTIVE CONTROLS BEING IMPOSED BY THE TURKS. MOREOVER, GOT REJECTION OF GREENFIELD, NOMINEE OF THE RESPONSIBLE UN ORGANIZATION WHICH GOT HAD ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE, CASTS DOUBTS ON CREDIBILITY OF GOT PROFESSIONS OF INTENT TO IMPOSE EFFECTIVE CONTROLS. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HIMSELF TOLD PARLIAMENT JULY 2 (ANKARA 5257) OF THIS INTENT AND STATED HE WOULD SEEK RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SEEK NEW LEGISLATION IF NECESSARY.

3. UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE TURKISH SYSTEM, AS IT IS PRESENTLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE,

IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD MIGHT WELL DECIDE TO CONSIDER PUBLICLY DEPLORING THE RESUMPTION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY AS PRESIDENT REUTER HAS ALREADY DONE IN PRIVATE TO THE TURKS. REUTER HAS ALREADY ALSO TOLD THE TURKS THAT THE BOARD COULD BE OBLIGED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION UNDER THE TREATIES. FROM OUR OWN NATIONAL STANDPOINT, IT WOULD APPEAR DIFFICULT FOR US TO CONSIDER TURKISH CONTROLS AS ADEQUATE IN THE CONTEXT OF SECTION 481 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, SHOULD THE CONGRESS LEARN THAT THE TURKS HAVE TURNED DOWN GREENFIELD, WE COULD EXPECT INCREASINGLY STRONG LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS.

4. WE HAD HOPED TO AVOID THE NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN SEEKING TURKISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE GREENFIELD MISSION. HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH ACCEPTANCE TO US IS GREAT AND HENCE THE DISADVANTAGES OF A BILATERAL APPROACH IN SUPPORT OF IT ARE OVERSHADOWED. ACCORDINGLY, THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD URGENTLY SEEK AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO URGE THE PRIME MINISTER TO RECEIVE GREENFIELD AND GIVE HIS MISSION FULLEST COOPERATION. IF NEED BE THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT HE HAS STATED BOTH PUBLICLY AND TO YOU THAT HE GENUINELY SEEKS

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ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO HAVE AS FOOLPROOF A CONTROL SYSTEM AS POSSIBLE. HIS GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE UN FOR ASSISTANCE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, THE COMPETENT, SPECIALIZED UN AGENCY FOR NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE MATTERS, HAS SEEN FIT TO CHOOSE SIR HARRY GREENFIELD AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE EMISSARY. GOT WOULD GAIN MUCH MORE CREDIBILITY IN THE WORLD FROM A GREENFIELD MISSION THAN FROM THAT OF A WORKING

LEVEL TECHNICIAN.

5. WE ARE AT A KEY JUNCTURE ALONG THE TRACK. IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTAIN THIS PROBLEM IN THE BROADER
INTERESTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE CHANCES OF SO
CONTAINING IT WILL BE MUCH REDUCED UNLESS THE
TURKS WORK IN A FULLY COOPERATIVE FASHION WITH THE UN,
AS WELL AS OURSELVES, ON THIS PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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